Opening of a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi.

* 77 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the stage at which the proposal to open a new Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi stands?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments) :—" The Government are awaiting the report from the Inspector-General of Registration in the matter."

SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON :—" May I know whether there was a proposal to open a separate office at Pattambi and a building was also chosen before the general elections? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, representations were made on the 28th August 1951 by the residents of Pattambi for opening a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi. The present villages are attached to Thirthala. There are 77 villages. Of these the people of 15 villages have to cross the river Ponnani. These villages contribute a registration of 389 documents per year. It was then thought by the Government that in view of the fact that there was one office at Veliyur there was no necessity to open another at Pattambi. But on subsequent representation, the Government agreed that there is necessity and, therefore, the Inspector-General has been asked to investigate. So, the matter is being investigated."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us the prerequisites for opening a Sub-Registrar's Office? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It depends on the necessity of the villagers and the consent of the villagers roundabout for the opening of new Sub-Registrar's Offices."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the actual building for the location of the Sub-Registrar's Office was pitched upon during the time of the election, may I know whether the delay in the opening of this Office has any connection with the results of the election in that constituency? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir, the Government at one stage thought that it was not necessary to have a Sub-Registrar's Office at Pattambi, but they are now reconsidering the matter and the whole situation is being examined."

SRI V. SANKARANARAYANA MENON :—" Will the Government take steps to see that the Sub-Registrar's Office is opened at Pattambi as early as possible? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Of course, I can give the assurance that the matter will engage the urgent attention of the Government."